



# THE DAISY FAIRY



Come to me and play with me,  
I'm the babies' flower;  
Make a necklace gay with me,  
Spend the whole long day with me,  
Till the sunset hour.

I must say Good-night, you know,  
Till tomorrow's playtime;  
Close my petals tight, you know,  
Shut the red and white, you know,  
Sleeping till the daytime.



# METHOD

Level – Easy ✍

The delicate daisy is known as the “babies’ flower,” and this adorable Daisy Fairy costume is ideally suited for young children. A green T-shirt, an elasticated, petal skirt, some creative painting and a daisy chain are all it takes to transform a mischievous toddler into the charming Daisy Fairy. This simple costume, designed for the wearer’s comfort, perfectly captures the essence of the daisy flower with a minimum of sewing.

**Size:** Measurements and templates to fit a 2–3 year old child.

## Materials:

- ✍ green T-shirt
- ✍ pink or red acrylic paint or marker pen
- ✍ silver glitter paint
- ✍ iridescent acrylic glitter glaze
- ✍ white pearlized dimensional paint
- ✍ white plastic-coated fabric (i.e. shower curtain fabric)
- ✍ soft waistband elastic, 1.5 cm ( 3 /4 in) thick or a pair of white knickers
- ✍ cotton reel or sticky tape reel
- ✍ yellow embroidery thread
- ✍ green glossy, dimensional fabric paint
- ✍ white and green raffia
- ✍ 6 tacks



## T-SHIRT

1. Mark a zigzag border around both sleeves and the waist of a green T-shirt and cut out along the edges.
2. Outline the zigzags on the sleeves and waist with glossy, green dimensional fabric paint. Leave the paint to dry.

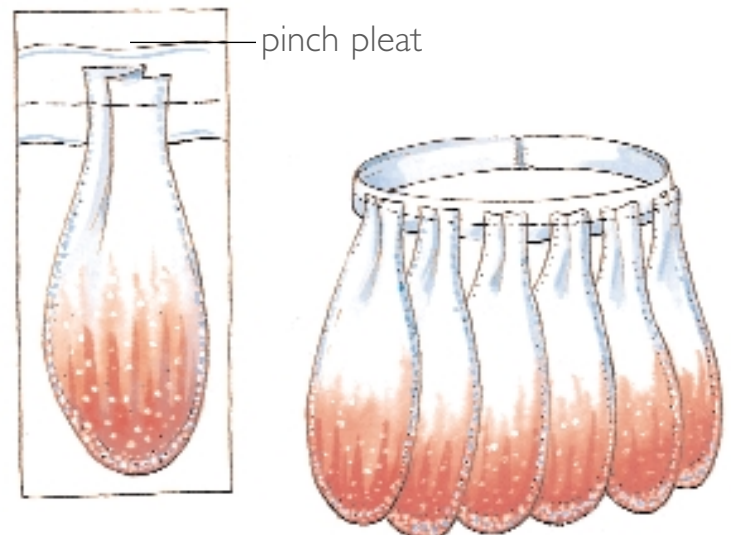


Outline around each petal with silver glitter paint, blending it with your fingertip.



5. Draw veins on each petal with white, pearlescent dimensional paint. Leave the paint to dry for two to three hours, then cut out the petals.

6. Sew the petals on to the elastic waistband, making a small pinch pleat at the top of each petal and stretching the elastic out as you work.

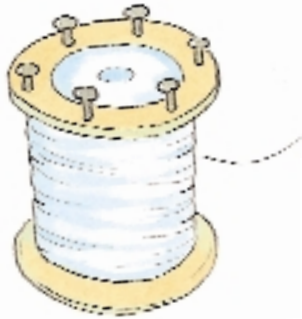


## SKIRT

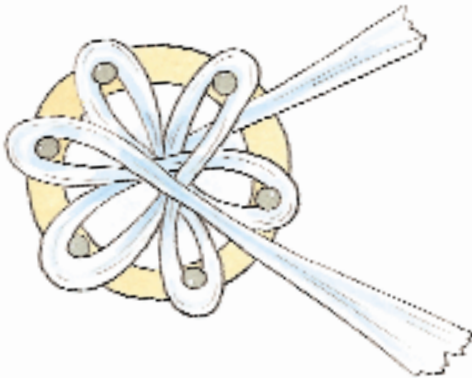
1. Measure the child's waist, then cut a piece of elastic two inches smaller than this measurement. Sew the ends of the elastic together to make a waistband.
2. Cut out a card template of the petal shape provided and mark 20 petals or white shower curtain fabric in pencil.
3. Colour the tips of each petal with yellow or red acrylic paint or marker pen.
4. Using your fingertip, spread iridescent glitter glaze thinly over each petal.

# DAISY CROWN

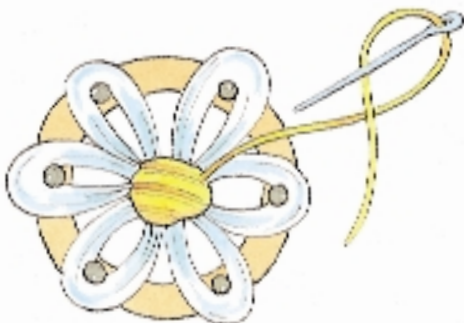
1. Press six tacks around the edge of a cotton reel or a small sticky tape reel at even intervals.



2. Wind white raffia around each of the tacks in a pinwheel design, as shown. Leaving the ends about 5 cm (2 in) long, loop them under the middle of the pinwheel and tie tightly on top.



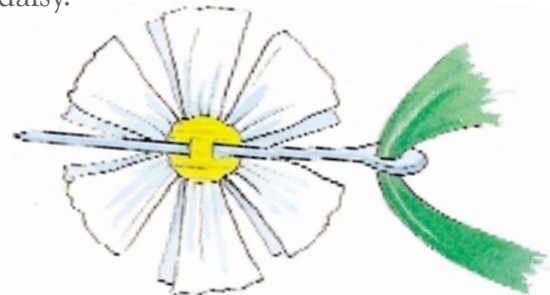
3. Using a darning needle, sew over the centre of the daisy, looping around all six petals with yellow embroidery thread. Loop the ends under the middle of the daisy and tie them off firmly.



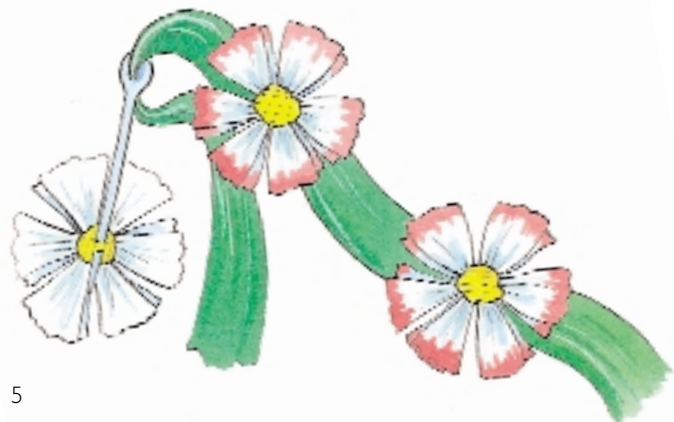
4. Cut the ends of the pinwheel's spokes away from the tacks. Spread open and flatten the raffia to make petals. Trim the edges of the petals, then colour the tips with a red marker pen. Repeat steps 1–4 until you have enough daisies to make a crown.



5. Cut a piece of green raffia long enough to fit around the child's head. Thread the raffia on to a darning needle and pass it through the back of the yellow stitches on a daisy.



6. As you thread on the daisies, push them along the raffia so they are evenly spaced. Knot the green raffia after each daisy to keep the flowers in place.





7. When all of the daisies are strung on to the raffia, tie the ends of the raffia together to form the crown. You can also make a daisy necklace using the same technique.



## WINGS

These translucent wings were made extra sturdy by covering the acetate with white plastic-coated fabric. After gluing the fabric wrong-side down to the sheet of acetate, proceed to draw around your template and make the wings using the method described on pages 12–15.

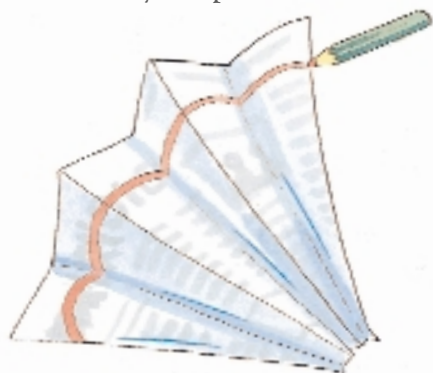
These wings were decorated with streaks and swirls of black, yellow, turquoise and pink acrylic paint and given texture with veins of white pearlized, dimensional paint. The addition of iridescent acrylic glitter glaze makes the wings shimmer.





# METHOD

1. Pleat a large sheet of newspaper concertina-style, then try drawing wings on the paper. You will need to make two wing patterns, one for the large and one for the small wings. When you are happy with the wings' size and shape, cut them out to make your patterns.

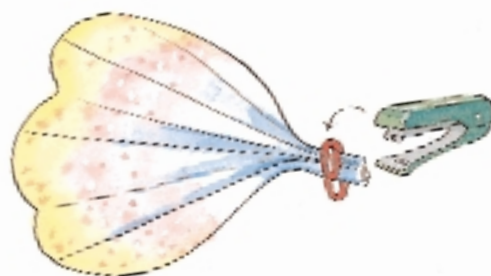


2. Unfold the large wing pattern and draw around it on to two large sheets of acetate, one on top of the other. Do the same for the small wing pattern. You will need to make four wings in total. Be sure to choose a quality of acetate that takes paint and marker pens.

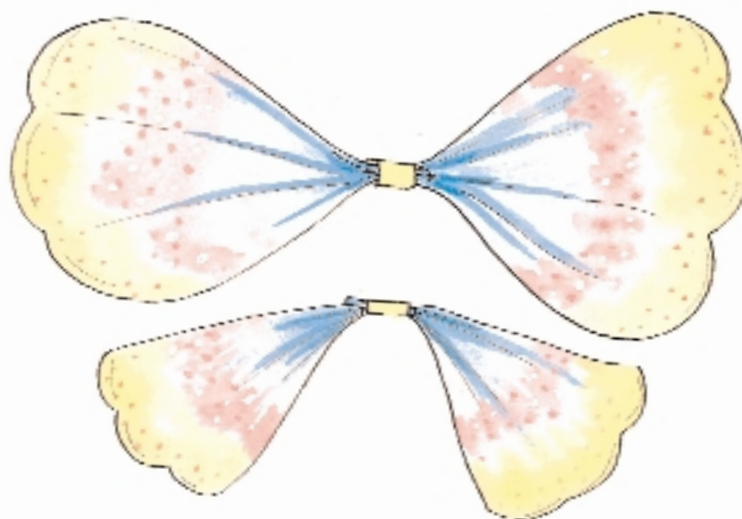


3. Using the picture of the fairy as your reference, paint and decorate the acetate wings accordingly. If you use strips of tissue paper or fine fabric, stick them on with a very diluted water and glitter glue solution. Remember to paint the wings in matching pairs.

4. When the paint is dry, cut out the wings and pleat each one into a fan shape. Each pleat should be about 2 cm (1 in) wide. If you wish to adjust the pleats, hold the fan in place with a paper clip. Staple the end of each fan to hold it in place.

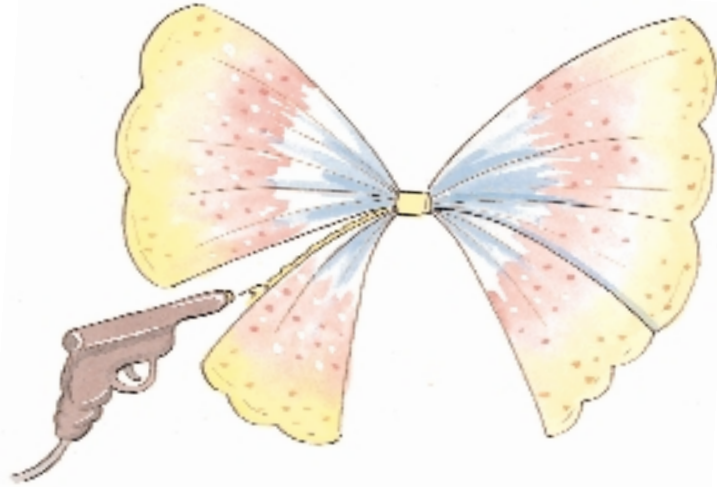


5. Tape the top pair of wings securely together at the stapled ends, then tape the bottom pair of wings together.





6. Join the top wings to the bottom wings using a hot glue gun or tape. Glue the two sets of wings together at a few points along the seam so they are firmly attached.



9. Tie the straps around the centre of the wings in a firm knot, ensuring that the front of the fabric is showing on the painted side of the wings.

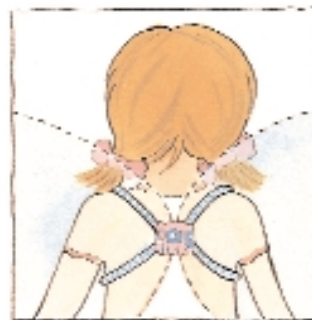


7. To make the straps, cut two lengths of soft, 2 cm (1 in) wide elastic. Each piece must be long enough to wrap around the child's shoulder and meet in the middle of the back.

8. Cut a strip of the fabric used for the costume, measuring about 10 x 25 cm (4 x 10 in). Fold the strip in half lengthwise and sew the long edges together, right sides facing. Turn the fabric tube right-side out. Sew a length of elastic to each end, pinch pleating the fabric to the width of the elastic, to make straps like a satchel's handle.



10. Try the wings on the child. You may need to tighten the straps by tying another knot. If necessary, trim the wings to finish off the outline or to make them more manageable for the child to wear.





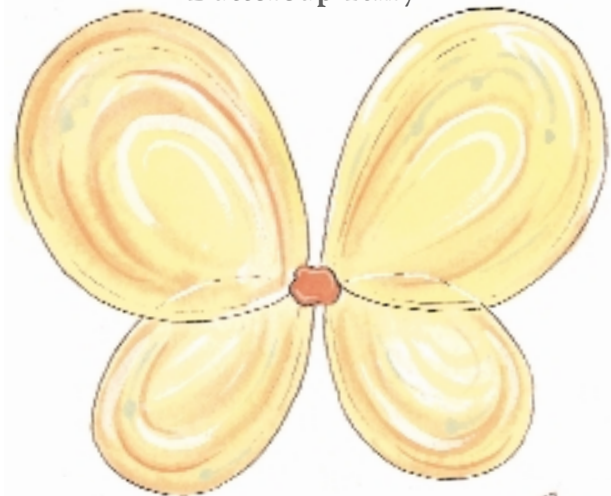
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Christmas Tree Fairy



Buttercup Fairy



Daisy Fairy



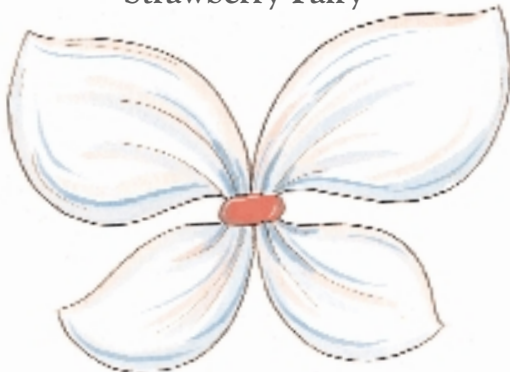
Marigold Fairy



Holly Fairy



Strawberry Fairy



Poppy Fairy

